



CLARENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Issue 7 — 26 September 2025

2025 TERM DATES

Term 3

Mon 21 Jul to Fri 26 Sep

Term 4

Mon 13 Oct to Thu 18 Dec

CALENDAR:

26 Sep: Last day of Term 3

13 Oct: Term 4 commences

14 Oct: House Sports Captains Assisting at Bellerive Primary School Swimming Carnival

14 Oct: 'Beyond the game: Careers in Sport' event at Ninja Stadium

17 Oct: Year 10 Rewards Excursion

20 Oct-8 Nov: PAT Testing (All Year Groups)

20 Oct: Collins Cap Walk (Outdoor Ed C)

21 Oct: Collins Cap Walk (Outdoor Ed B)

22 Oct: Collins Cap Walk (Outdoor Ed A)

23 Oct: Royal Hobart Show Day (Public Holiday)

24 Oct: Professional Learning (Student Free) Day

28 Oct-1 Nov: Band Tour (Tasman Peninsula)

30 Oct-2 Nov: Tournament of Minds International Final (Sydney)

3-15 Nov: Dibels Testing (Yr 7/8)

13-14 Nov: CHS Athletics Carnival

19 Nov: School Association Meeting

20 Nov: Southern Inter-High Athletics Carnival

26 Nov: Year 6 Orientation Day (for Year 7 2026)

27 Nov: Schools Triathlon (Yr 7-12)

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Dear families,

As we wrap up Term 3 and look ahead to the final stretch of the year, it's a great time to reflect on growth — not just academic, but personal. One quote that continues to resonate with me is:

"There is no growth in your comfort zone, and no comfort in your growth zone."

It's a powerful reminder that real progress often comes with discomfort. Our comfort zones are safe and familiar. They're where things feel easy and predictable. But staying there means missing out on opportunities to learn, stretch, and discover what we're truly capable of. The growth zone, on the other hand, is where the magic happens — even if it's uncomfortable. It's where we face challenges, take risks, and sometimes stumble. But it's also where we build resilience, confidence, and strength. And yes, it might feel scary or awkward. But that's okay. That's how we know we're learning. Every day at Clarence High, I see students having the courage to step into their growth zones. We currently have 18 students in Vietnam, helping to build homes for those in need. On 13 September, we had a large number of students participate in Tournament of the Minds Challenge, with the team of Kirra P, Kasia P, April F, Nida Z, Sophie B, Ava P and Esther M winning the division of The Arts Team. On 21 September, 15 students took part in the MAT Maths Relays with our Intermediate Team, Clarence B consisting of Emmet S, Max S, Aarib Z and Alex S coming second overall in the state. The National History Challenge was won by Charlie B in Year 9. Our inter high swimming team came second in the southern state competition. This is in addition to our students who challenge themselves everyday by trying something new, speaking up in class, joining in a sport or a club.

So, as we head into the holidays, I encourage every student to set a personal challenge for Term 4. Ask yourself: *What will I do to push myself into the growth zone in my learning?* Maybe it's applying for a leadership role, participating in the athletics carnival, or simply asking a question in class that you've been holding back.

Remember: growth doesn't come from doing what's easy. It comes from doing what's brave.

Belinda Young
Assistant Principal



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CLARENCE CELEBRATES

As we move towards a very busy Term 4 period, we would like to give early notice to parents of our upcoming end of Year Awards Ceremony, **Clarence Celebrates 2025**, which will be held on Tuesday, 16 December from 3.30-4.30pm. All parents will receive an invitation to attend in due course, however we are mindful of December being a very busy time of year for everyone and wanted to give advance notice to our school community for any future planning. Award winners will be notified early in December, however the actual award they will receive will remain confidential until they are announced at the ceremony. Our 2026 Prefect Board will also be introduced to our school community and our Head Prefects for 2026 will be announced. We look forward to welcoming friends and family!

PLANNING FOR 2025

With only 10 weeks of school left for the year we continue to plan for 2026. If your child is in Years 7-9 and will not be returning to Clarence High School in 2026 could you please advise our office staff as soon as possible.

STAFF CHANGES

We would like to congratulate our Head of Year 8, Matthew Tighe, who recently accepted a position as Acting Assistant Principal at Montrose Bay High School for the remainder of this year. Matt left us a few weeks ago, however, we are pleased to announce that Mr Peter Hampson has stepped into the role as Head of Year 8 as his replacement. We would also like to congratulate Ms Eva Bitterova, Year 7 Coordinator, who has won the role of Acting Support Teacher in our Learning Support area for the remainder of the year. Our Head of Year 7, Ms Cornick, will be available to assist any Year 7 parents with any issues or concerns they may be experiencing in relation to their child. August also saw us welcome back from maternity leave Mrs Emma Hay who has slotted into our Year 8 team. Welcome back Emma!



FROM THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST



St. Giles are now offering free* Psychology sessions for children aged 6- 18!

Our Psychologists assist children presenting with:

- Anxiety
- Emotional regulation
- Anger or frustration
- Neurodivergence*
- And we also offer parenting support

This service is available in person in Hobart or via telehealth from Launceston and is expanding as we've welcomed two new Psychologists to our team.

Parents and healthcare professionals can refer via our website <https://stgiles.org.au/request-for-therapy-services/>

*Free sessions are State Government funded for children not covered by an NDIS plan. Please contact our Administration team to find out all exclusions and details about this service.



VIETNAM TOUR

Staff and students continue to enjoy the sights of Vietnam. We look forward to hearing all about their travels on their return.



2026 PEER SUPPORTERS

On Monday and Tuesday of last week, our 2026 Peer Supporters took part in our Peer Support Training Program, led by Ms Scott and Mr Burrows. Held over two full days, the training focussed on building leadership, empathy, and communication skills; essential qualities for students who will be supporting their Year 6 buddies in Term 4 and the upcoming school year. Through a mix of interactive activities, group discussions, and role-playing scenarios, students explored how to foster positive relationships, resolve conflicts, and create a welcoming and inclusive school environment. We would like to recognise the group's enthusiasm and maturity. It's always inspiring to see students step up to support their peers.



CHS SWIMMING AND INTER HIGH SWIMMING CARNIVALS

On Monday 5 September, our excited Year 7 to Year 10 students, eager to make their mark, headed off to our annual swimming carnival at the Doone Kennedy Aquatic Centre. The day was filled with close heats and competitive spirit. The carnival came to an end with Mawson winning by a considerable margin. Students who excelled in their events on the day, were selected to represent the school at the Division 1 Inter High School Swimming Carnival the following week on Friday, 19 September. Our team competed strongly along with genuine pride and sportsmanship which was displayed by all. The encouragement and support our team showed each other in and out of the pool displayed Clarence High School at their best. We knew Taroona High was the school to beat as they have shown themselves to be a school with strong squad swimmers. However, some impressive individual and team performances saw our team challenge them in every race. The Clarence High team had a successful day coming away in second place for the Boys and Girls Divisions as well as second overall. A huge thank you to the H.P.E. staff, especially Mrs Muskett and Mrs Bloomfield for organising both events.

1st-Mawson 651

2nd-Flynn 511

3rd-Gilmore 451

4th-Nightingale 440



PREFECT REPORT

It has been a busy Term 3 for the CHS Prefect Board.

The school celebrated book week in August, ending in a day of dress ups and some lucky winners of poetry, art and short story writing competitions. The school also supported Working It Out by hosting Purple Day in September, which saw the school decked out in purple and a pride banner created with School Nurse Carlie and the CHS Pride Group. The big-ticket event for this term was the annual Prefect Quiz Night, where 12 tables packed with keen intellect battled it out for some fantastic prizes. Quiz Night was a fantastic success and a great display of the generosity of many local businesses who were kind enough to donate prizes, hampers and silent auction items. The Prefect Board is looking forward to Term 4 and the end of the year for some well-earned reflection and celebration!

Book Week

Short Story Winner: Penny, Year 7

To my dearest daughter Harriet,

Our boat hit a rock. I only have hours left to live. There are cracks running all down the boat with our littlest experienced sailors frantically trying to save the ones that survived.

The rocky shores are coated with mist; bodies swirled to their graves by the grappling undertow. I remember when we used to sit by the water, wishing one day we would be able to sail across the ocean. I remember when you heard I was going and you cried, but I told you that it was going to be okay because the sea would look after me. I lied. The ocean is a vicious beast, crashing over me and filling my lungs with salt and sand and water.

Send love to your Ma for me and I'll send love to Grandma when I see her. We will watch upon you, I swear. Don't ever forget me, my only daughter. I hope you get this bottled message. This stark reminder that there isn't always a happily ever after for us non fairy tale characters. You will understand when you're older.

I promise I will always love you.

Love and hope, from your Pa.

Poem Winner: Nida, Year 8

I opened a book and paced into it,

I have gone on an adventure,

left my chair, my room, my house and my city behind me.

I am wearing a weird, unusual piece of clothing and I have swallowed the magic potion.

I have fought with the dragons and dived into the boundless ocean.

I have opened a book and made friends and gone on a wonderful adventure.

I have shared their laughs and tears and have followed their roads with bumps and bends.

To the happily ever after...

I finished the book and out I come.

The adventure can no longer hide me.

My city and everything are still the same.

But I have a book inside of me.





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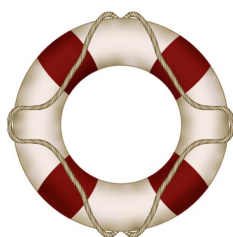
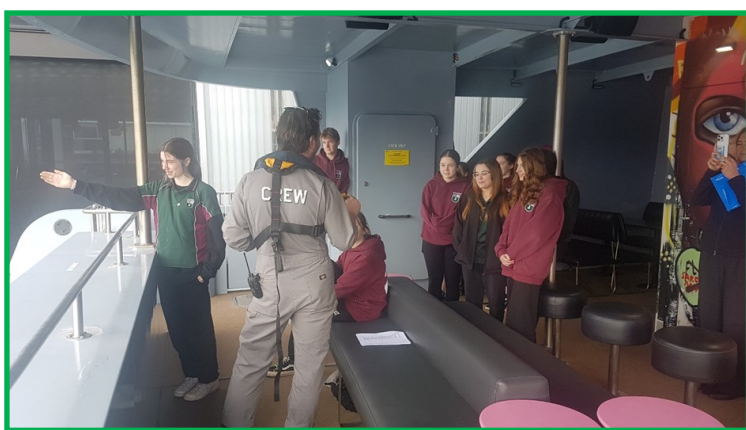
YEAR 8 ICT NEWS

Students in Year 8 have been busy exploring smart home devices. In a hands-on workshop facilitated by UTAS, students interacted with different smart home devices including a smart lightbulb, voice assistant, and thermostat. They then worked in groups to consider how these devices might be used in a home and identify some of the privacy implications of these devices. It was a fantastic way for students to apply their eSafety learning to a real-world context and deepen their understanding of how to manage their digital footprint and protect their personally identifiable information. Ask your child about some things to be aware of with the smart devices in your home!



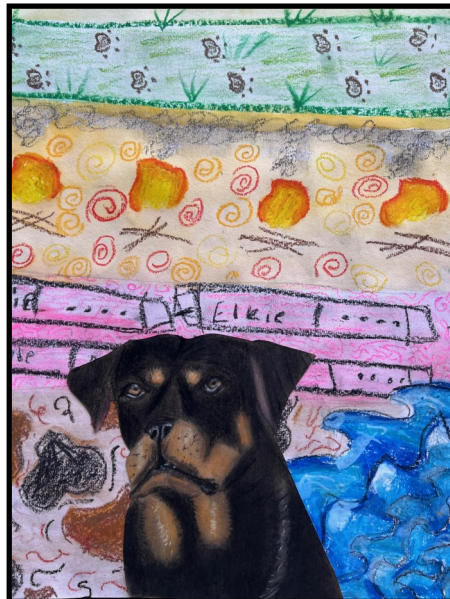
NAVIGATING INTO THE WORLD OF WORK

On Wednesday, 3 September a group of Year 9 and 10 students attended a Work based learning excursion hosted by The Navigators Group who run the Mona Roma and Bellerive Ferries. Students heard about the different roles within The Navigators Group, the skills and qualifications that have allowed some of their staff to travel Australia and the world. Students had a tour of the 2 Mona Roma vessels and participated in some safety demonstrations, hospitality skills demo's (like wine pouring) and a quiz that highlighted this highly professional and quirky family company. At the end of our session students were encouraged to apply for work experience or part time work with them. Yet again our students represented us very well being attentive and engaged the whole time. A huge thank you to the Navigators Group and staff for being so generous with their time and to the Beacon foundation for organising the fantastic opportunity.



YEAR 7 ART

Year 7 Art students are currently completing their pet portraits. Students were required to develop backgrounds using symbols and patterns to represent their pet. The pictured artworks are dog portraits which have been submitted for the 2025 Poochibald Prize. Poochibald is run by the Clarence City Council. The exhibition runs from 25 October through to 21 November at the School House Gallery Rosny.



ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

Looking for ways to keep the kids entertained these school holidays while saving money?

An Entertainment Membership is the perfect solution whilst supporting our fundraiser.

Order your digital membership securely online today at:

<https://au.entdigital.net/orderbooks/24059e2>

Memberships are packed with thousands of **up to 50% off** and **2-for-1 offers**. Single City and Multiple City memberships are available.

The **school receives \$14 from the sale of each membership sold** and we thank all parents and friends of our school community for your continued support. There are great savings to be had with not only dining and take away food but also a great many activities to keep children amused! Get your membership today and start saving!



FACEBOOK

We like to keep our school community up to date with important reminders, celebrate achievement and share other interesting information.

A reminder to please like our Facebook page to make sure you keep up to date with everything that is happening!

We love to hear about our students' success outside of school and invite members of our school community to forward information to our Admin staff at the email address shown in our Contact Details box so that we can share this news. Please note that items may be edited to meet decyp guidelines.



MOBILE PHONE POLICY



LOST PROPERTY

Our lost property is once again overflowing.

A reminder that during these school holidays **all non school items that are unnamed will be donated to charity** and unnamed items of school uniform added to our uniform pool for students who may need to borrow items.

Our Student Admin office will be open during the first week of the school holiday period between 9.00am and 3.00pm if you would like to call by to check our lost property items.



INVOICES FOR LEVIES AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Thank you to those families who have finalised their levies for 2025. We would also like to thank those families who have entered into repayment agreements and continue towards settling their accounts for 2025.

As we near the end of the school year - Year 10 end of year activities will be taking place, invoices will be sent home to families during Term 4 for these events.

A reminder that the departments terms are 30 days from the date of the invoice and it is expected that all monies are paid in full to enable students to participate in all events (Year 10 activities and end of year dinner).

If you require assistance with payment of this amount on receipt of your invoice please contact our office to discuss repayment terms.

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MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Community Walk

Step out with us to support mental health. Wear a splash of orange and enjoy a free BBQ, live music, and activities for all ages.

Saturday 11 October
Simmons Park, Lindisfarne
11am - 1pm



Scan the QR code or visit
ccc.tas.gov.au/mental-health

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- ✓ Parents and Carers
- ✓ LACs
- ✓ Support Workers
- ✓ Social Workers
- ✓ Case Managers
- ✓ Teachers

Register at: onecommunity.net.au/Ready-Set-Connect



WHEN?

10:00 AM - 12:30 PM
Wed 22 Oct 2025



WHERE?

Ninja Stadium
15 Derwent St, Bellerive TAS

If you are a provider and would like to host a table to promote your services, please visit our website!

FROM THE ARCHIVES

We were delighted to recently receive a copy of the below article from Robert Tanner who was a teacher at Clarence High School during the 1960's and actually taught the course mentioned! Robert is pictured in the middle. Thank you for sharing this with us Robert.



A driver education class at Clarence High School in 1961. Clarence opened in 1959 as the State's second fully 'comprehensive' high school. Driver education was one of the ways in which the school sought to broaden its educational programme.

Beverley Times (WA : 1905 - 1977), Friday 24 February 1961, page 3

Driver Education Scheme

The Tasmanian Education Department has adopted a scheme of Driver Education under which selected school children will be taught to drive motor cars.

The Minister for Education, the Hon. W. A. Neilson, announced this progressive plan on the 12th inst.

He said that the scheme would probably be launched after Easter on a specially prepared training circuit at the new Clarence High School at Hobart where more than 1000 pupils are enrolled.

As well as catering for pupils at that school, it is hoped to provide instruction at this centre for senior pupils from other schools in the Hobart area.

"The Department is drawing up a new course of instruction which embraces the general social and psychological background of driver education and culminates in actual instruction in driving motor cars," said Mr. Neilson.

"In the initial stages, driver education will be an extra-curricular subject but in the case of pupils taking non-academic courses some of the hobbies periods may also be devoted to driver education in school hours under expert tuition.

"The rapid increase in the number of motor cars on our roads today has posed a new social problem for educationists and the alarming accident rate and death toll of the roads goes right back into the classroom. It is no use giving our children the benefit of secondary education if they do not survive to take advantage of it.

"In some overseas countries driver education is a compulsory curricular subject. In Australia this question has activated the minds of educationists for years but the inclusion of driver education as a classroom subject created problems not previously overcome;

"Careful consideration has been given to the subject in Tasmania for some time and now, with the co-operation of Ampol Petroleum Ltd. and Cooperative Motors Pty. Ltd., a pilot scheme has been evolved based at the Clarence High School.

"I am pleased that it has now been possible to take positive steps to teach driver training in the most formative years of a citizen's life—in the schools.

"Ampol and Co-Operative Motors will provide three Triumph Herald cars which will be based at the Clarence High School and used on a closed training circuit there.

"Details of the syllabus will be worked out by an Advisory Committee comprising representatives " of the Education Department, Tasmanian State School Teachers' Federation, Road Safety Council of Tasmania, the Royal Automobile Club of Tasmania, the Police Department, Parents and Friends' Associations and representatives of Ampol and Cooperative Motors.

"I would like to express my thanks to Ampol and Co-Operative Motors for their co-operation in making the scheme possible and I know every thinking parent will applaud the intention to take practical steps to ensure the greater safety of their children on the roads.

"Long discussions have been held with Ampol and Co-Operative - Motors representatives and while there are yet many difficulties to be overcome, I am hopeful that it will be possible to launch the scheme after Easter."

The General Manager of Ampol. Petroleum; Ltd., Mr. W. M. Leonard, said in Sydney last night that the Tasmanian Education Department was to be congratulated on being the first Education Department in Australia to identify itself with this national problem in such a practical way. In pioneering driver education in schools it could well set a pattern for other Education Departments to follow.

"Ampol has been deeply conscious of road safety," he said, "and has constructed at its own expense a road safety circuit in Sydney, for teaching children the basic principles with the use of miniature cars. The Tasmanian scheme is a step forward and children will be taught to drive standard type motor cars in the best possible circumstances under expert tuition. We are happy to be associated with this unique plan and have gladly provided a vehicle to assist in its establishment."

The Sales Manager of Co-Operative Motors, Mr. Derek Ireland, said that Standard Cars was linked with Ampol in the new driver range at Newcastle, where adults will be taught to drive.

"As Tasmanian distributors of Standards we are happy to join with Ampol in providing cars for the Hobart Scheme," Mr. Ireland said.

The Road Safety Authorities, R.A.T.C.T., Police and the Teachers' Federation welcomed the scheme with enthusiasm and promised their wholehearted co-operation.

FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

Do you care for someone at home?
Does that person have disability, mental ill health, life-limiting illness, alcohol or other drug dependence or is frail or aged?

Scan here to find out more, or to share with a family member or friend

GET FREE HELP

Ask one of our school health nurses or social workers for more information

You could be eligible for free support from the Australian Government Carer Gateway program. If you are under 25 and caring you may also be eligible to apply for the annual \$3,768 Young Carer Bursary. Find out more over a chat.